the production of oilseeds in the country is increased to meet the entire edible oil requirements and self sufficiency in edible oils is likely to take some time.

Compensation to farmers for rise in cost of inputs

1219. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to compensate the farmers for rise in the cost of inputs during the growing season;

(b) whether any concrete proposals have been formulated in this regard; and

(c) what is the extent to which the farmers would be compensated; and by what time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) While the procurement/minimum support prices announced before the sowing season would provide for possible rise in the cost of production likely to occur during the cropping season, the procurement/minimum support prices would be adjusted in case the observed rise in input costs turns out to be higher than the anticipated rise.

(b) and (c) The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices would examine the changes in input costs and recommend adjustments in procurement/minimum support prices, if required, for appropriate consideration.

Report of Dr. Gopal Singh Panel on Minorities

1220. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in consideration of the report on minorities submitted by Dr. Gopal Singh in 1983;

(b) the level at which it is presently under consideration;

(c) by when the report is expected to be tabled in the Parliament with or without the Action Taken Memorandum; and

(d) the reasons for not accepting the recommendations and for not tabling the report so far?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (d) The Report on Minorities submitted by the High Power Panel on Minorities, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other weaker sections headed by Dr. Gopal Singh is expected to be tabled in Parliament during the current session along with an explanatory note and a statement indicating the comments of the Government on the recommendations in the report.

Failure of NDDB in Stabilising Prices of Edible oils

1221. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main reasons for the failure in stabilising edible oil prices is due to direct purchase of oils from the wholesale merchants, instead of from the farmers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the farmers could not get remunerative prices for their produce also as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) It is incorrect to say that NDDB has failed to stabilise prices of edible oils. Further it is not true that oil purchases have been made only from wholesale merchants. Under the Market Intervention Operation strategy adopted by NDDB as the Market Intervention Agency is to procure oils directly from the open market and oilseeds thro-

ugh the Oileed Growers' Cooperatives associated with NDDB. Most of the oil procurement has been in the form of seeds purchased by Associate Cooperatives directly from the farmers. As a result of the market intervention operation the famers have received remunerative price i e. Rs. 750 per quintal on an average for groundnut pods and Rs. 720 per quintal on an average for mustard seeds which are around 40 per cent higher than the support prices.

(c) To control edible oil prices, the Government has already taken some measures such as banning the use of mustard expeller oil in vanaspati since July 6, 1990 to ease the pressure on mustard oil prices. The Goverument has also approved export of surplus dairy commodities to finance import of additional palmolein. NDDB is continuing the sale of groundnut and mustard oils in consumer packs under "Dhara" brand name, as well as bulk sale of palmolein and mustard oil in the wholesale market which has moderated the edible oil prices.

1222 [*Transferred to the 28th August*, 1990].

12.00 NOON

ANNOUNCEMENT REG. ARREST AND RELEASE OF A MEMBER

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that I have received a message from the District Magistrate, Etawa, that Shri Bal Ram Singh Yadava, Member of Parliament, was arrested on 16th August, 1990 at 10.30 a.m at Etawa under Sections 151, 107, 116 Cr.P C and released at 5 p m. that day.

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair]

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : (उत्तर प्रदेश) बलराम सिंह यादव जी को जान का खतरा है। वह मुख्य मंत्री श्री मुलायम सिंह जो (व्यवधान) संबंधित है। **(व्यवधान)**

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I Notification publishing Apprenticeship (Amendment) Rules 1989.

II. Notification publishing the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance (Amendment) Scheme, 1990.

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): I lay in the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Labour (Directorate General of Employment and Training) Notification G.S.R. No. 853, dated the 11th November, 1989, publishing the Apprenticeship (Amendment) Rules, 1989, under sub-section (3) of section 37 of the Apprentices Act, 1961. [Placed in Library. *See No. LT*—1245/90]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Labour, Notification G.S.R. No 354, dated the 9th July, 1990, publishing the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance (Amendment) Scheme, 1990, under sub-section (2) of sction 7 of the Employees Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952. [Placed in Library. *See* No LT—1246/90]

Notification publishing Indian Telegraph (Second Amendment) Rules, 1990.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): I lay on the Table, under sub-section (5) of section 7 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, a copy (in English and Hindi of the Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications) Notification G S R. No. 574(E), dated the 15th June, 1990, publishing the Indian Telegraph Second (Amendment) Rules, 1990. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 1206/90]

Notifications of the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies (Department of Civil Supplies)

खाद्य श्री नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय म राज्य मंत्री श्री राम पूजन पटेल : मैं निम्नलिखित पत्र सभा पटल पर रखता हूं :